

Townes of Wakefield HOA Comments Offered in Connection  
With the  
May Meeting Documents/Discussions

It is our understanding that Alternative E of the Braddock Road Danbury Forest Feasibility Study will most likely be incorporated as envisioned in that study, or with some revisions, into the Braddock Road Widening Program. Please accept the comments and concerns outlined below as the HOA's method for seeking the best possible outcome for all commuters, citizens, and homeowners in the Braddock Road Area.

- 1) A multi-lane exit from Danbury Forest that lined up with Wakefield Chapel makes a lot of sense. This would permit the exit lane from the east on Braddock to be extended almost indefinitely and, similarly, the left turn onto Wakefield Chapel from the west could be backed up to South Hampton by closing off the present road into Danbury Forest. That option could also divert rush hour traffic to and from South Hampton without damaging the interest of either Danbury Forest or Kings Park residents
- 2) The information provided in the study does not apparently address how to get Wakefield Chapel Townhomes HOA residents or others crossing either Wakefield Chapel or Braddock Road to the busses. The traffic signal sequence presently in place is not a happy one for vehicles. If someone presses the button to cross Braddock, the lights back up cars on Braddock quite a lot to assure safe crossing for walkers and bikers. Obviously adding at least two more lanes would create the need for even more time for those on foot or bikes to get to the other side safely.
- 3) Given the significantly increased number of vehicles expected to use the Braddock Road corridor when the project is finished, backing up even more cars for a longer period would lead to many more problems; this leads back to the suggestion that a footbridge might be warranted across Braddock.
- 4) While a sidewalk from Stahlway Lane to Braddock would ease, but not totally solve the problem for Wakefield Chapel Townhomes HOA residents to get to Braddock Road and cross Wakefield Chapel, the crossing of Braddock Road itself is still very problematic. And it still does nothing to deal with Wakefield Chapel Townhomes HOA vehicles attempting to exit Stahlway Lane onto Wakefield Chapel in the face of ever increasing traffic from the NOVA Community College.
- 5) One minor improvement to Wakefield Chapel that could benefit residents would be a slight widening of Wakefield Chapel at Wakefield Chapel Townhomes HOA entrance so that cars could have a dedicated lane for turning into Stahlway Lane so that those continuing to Braddock Road could more easily get past those waiting. This would cost very little and would greatly facilitate traffic flow (often at excessive speeds) past Townes of Wakefield. Just a few feet of widening onto what is already public land would permit several cars to wait safely in a dedicated left turn lane for an opening in traffic from Braddock Road.
- 6) All design elements recommended by the county's down-selected consultant(s) should be processed through an independent and comprehensive cost-benefit analysis (including health, safety and environmental impacts). That independence should be both from the County of Fairfax and from the consultant designer(s) to ensure removal of all potential biases and completion of the best possible program.